

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A discrimination medium comprising:

a cholesteric liquid crystal layer having a circular polarization light selectivity of reflecting predetermined circularly polarized light, the cholesteric liquid crystal layer having a side to which natural light may enter; and

a multilayer film in which first light transparent films having a first refraction index and second light transparent films having a second refraction index are alternatively alternately laminated in thickness direction, the multilayer film provided to a side opposite to the side to which natural light may enter the cholesteric liquid crystal layer,

wherein the first light transparent film and the second light transparent film have an interface therebetween, and the interface repeatedly exists.

2. (Previously Presented) A discrimination medium according to claim 1,

wherein:

when the discrimination medium is viewed at a predetermined angle, a first reflection light reflected by the cholesteric liquid crystal layer and a second reflection light reflected by the multilayer film are approximately equal to each other in color,

the first reflection light is circularly polarized light having a predetermined center wavelength and a predetermined polarization direction, and

the second reflection light includes circularly polarized light having a circularly polarized direction opposite to that of the first reflection light.

3. (Previously Presented) A discrimination medium according to claim 1,

wherein:

when the discrimination medium is viewed at a predetermined angle, a first

reflection light reflected by the cholesteric liquid crystal layer and a second reflection light reflected by the multilayer film are different from each other in color,

the first reflection light is circularly polarized light having a predetermined center wavelength and a predetermined circular polarization direction, and

the second reflection light includes circularly polarized light having a circular polarization direction opposite to that of the first reflection light, circularly polarized light having the same circular polarization direction as that of the first reflection light, and linearly polarized light.

4. (Previously Presented) The discrimination medium according to claim 1, further comprising a figure provided to at least a portion of one of the cholesteric liquid crystal layer and the multilayer film.

5. (Original) The discrimination medium according to claim 1, wherein at least a portion of at least one of the cholesteric liquid crystal layer and the multilayer film is subjected to hologram working or embossing.

6. (Previously Presented) The discrimination medium according to claim 1, further comprising an interlayer peeling structure or a peeling breaking structure.

7. (Previously Presented) An article to be discriminated comprising the discrimination medium according to claim 1.

8. (Currently Amended) A discrimination method for discriminating a discrimination medium, the discrimination medium comprising:

a cholesteric liquid crystal layer having a circularly polarized light selectivity of reflecting predetermined circularly polarized light, the cholesteric liquid crystal layer having a side to which natural light may enter; and

a multilayer film in which first light transparent films having a first refraction index and second light transparent films having a second refraction index are alternatively

alternately laminated in thickness direction, the multilayer film provided to a side opposite to the side to which natural light may enter the cholesteric liquid crystal layer,

wherein the first light transparent film and the second light transparent film have an interface therebetween, and the interface repeatedly exists,

the discrimination method comprising:

allowing a predetermined circularly polarized light to selectively pass through an optical filter, and

detecting light that passes through the optical filter,

wherein the discrimination medium is viewed via the optical filter.

9. (Currently Amended) A discrimination method for discriminating a discrimination medium, the discrimination medium comprising:

a cholesteric liquid crystal layer having a circularly polarized light selectivity of reflecting predetermined circularly polarized light, the cholesteric liquid crystal layer having a side to which natural light may enter; and

a multilayer film in which first light transparent films having a first refraction index and second light transparent films having a second refraction index are alternatively alternately laminated in thickness direction, the multilayer film provided to a side opposite to the side to which natural light may enter the cholesteric liquid crystal layer,

wherein the first light transparent film and the second light transparent film have an interface therebetween, and the interface repeatedly exists,

the discrimination method comprising:

irradiating with predetermined circularly polarized light on the discrimination medium, and

viewing reflection light reflected by the discrimination medium.

10. (Currently Amended) A discrimination apparatus for discriminating a

discrimination medium, the discrimination medium comprising:

a cholesteric liquid crystal layer having a circularly polarized light selectivity of reflecting predetermined circularly polarized light, the cholesteric liquid crystal layer having a side to which natural light may enter; and

a multilayer film in which first light transparent films having a first refraction index and second light transparent films having a second refraction index are alternatively alternately laminated in thickness direction, the multilayer film provided to a side opposite to the side to which natural light may enter the cholesteric liquid crystal layer,

wherein the first light transparent film and the second light transparent film have an interface therebetween, and the interface repeatedly exists,

the discrimination apparatus comprising:

an optical filter allowing predetermined circularly polarized light to selectively pass therethrough; and

a detector detecting light which passes though the optical filter.

11. (Currently Amended) A discrimination apparatus for discriminating a discrimination medium, the discrimination medium comprising:

a cholesteric liquid crystal layer having a circularly polarized light selectivity of reflecting predetermined circularly polarized light, the cholesteric liquid crystal layer having a side to which natural light may enter; and

a multilayer film in which first light transparent films having a first refraction index and second light transparent films having a second refraction index are alternatively alternately laminated in thickness direction, the multilayer film provided to a side opposite to the side to which natural light may enter the cholesteric liquid crystal layer,

wherein the first light transparent film and the second light transparent film have an interface therebetween, and the interface repeatedly exists,

the discrimination apparatus comprising:

a light irradiation device irradiating predetermined circularly polarized light on the discrimination medium; and

a detector detecting reflection light which is reflected by the discrimination medium.